

# STATE OF NEW YORK

## LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2013 A.D.

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**I HEREBY CERTIFY**, That at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

**WHEREAS**, Martin T. Allen has taught instrumental music in the Grand Island Schools for 25 years; 4 years at the elementary level and the past 21 years at Grand Island High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Martin T. Allen is a graduate of the State University of New York at Buffalo, and earned his Master of Music Education Degree from VanderCook College of Music in Chicago, with additional graduate work at the State University of New York at Buffalo and the State University of New York at Fredonia; and

**WHEREAS**, Martin T. Allen has guest conducted at various levels in Erie, Monroe, Niagara, Wayne, Genesee, Wyoming, Malone and Saratoga counties and has been a guest clinician with several area school districts and has served as organist and choir director at area churches and as a trombonist and baritone with the Buffalo Silver Band; and

**WHEREAS**, Martin T. Allen has served on the Executive Board of the Erie County Music Educators Association as vice president and also chaired the Instrumental Committee and has also served on the executive board of the New York State Band directors association; and

**WHEREAS**, Martin T. Allen was honored with the American School Bank Directors Association Regional and National Directors Award for Outstanding Service to the American Band Movement in 1998 as well as the ECCMC/Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra Award for Excellence in Music Education in 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, under Martin T. Allen's baton, Grand Island High School Ensembles have been recognized for their excellence at state and national music festivals, including performances at NYSBDA, NYSSMA, and MENC All Eastern Convention, and has received level five and six Gold Medal ratings at the New York State School Music Associations Major Organization festivals from 1994-1998 and level five and six Gold with Distinction rating from 1998 to the present, as well as additional honors at various festivals throughout the country.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature applauds Martin T. Allen for being named the 2012 Educator of the Year by the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce, and for his dedication to the community of the Town of Grand Island.

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Kevin R. Hardwick.  
Erie County Legislator – 4th District

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Robert M. Graber  
Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County